

# MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - MARCH, 1961

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## POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31.12.1960

Males - 379,751 Females - 360,494 Persons - 740,245

Metropolitan at 31.12.1960

Persons - 400,000

## MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	FEBRUARY				Two Months ended FEBRUARY			
	1961		1960		1961		1960	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	480	8.45	446	7.74	1,059	8.84	973	8.17
Births	1,468	25.83	1,250	21.70	2,892	24.14	2,601	21.83
Deaths	504	8.87	374	6.49	986	8.23	804	6.75
Infant Mortality (b)	24	16.35	20	16.00	49	16.94	57	21.91

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

## TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Oversea Interstate	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	4,202	3,551	36,573	29,474	7,890	14,842	109,637	79,686
	8,108	8,600	74,877	79,147	4,495	5,002	28,261	23,764
Total:	12,310	12,151	111,450	108,621	12,385	19,844	137,898	103,450

# LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the three months ended March, 1961, totalled 110,858 acres, a decrease of 56,279 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 3,484,507 acres, an increase of 1,766,946 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1960.

## STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	5,384,926	5,178,389	46,494,816	43,611,411
Revenue per Head of Population	7. 5. 3	7. 2. 5	63. 3. 5	60. 6. 0
Expenditure	6,079,355	5,615,594	52,344,495	48,354,247
Expenditure per Head of Population	8. 4. 0	7. 14. 5	71. 2. 5	66. 17. 2

## SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of March, 1961 amounted to £79,432,117 or £107-1-0 per head of population as against £76,097,759 or £104-12-6 per head at the end of March, 1960.

## BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the five weeks ended 29th March, 1961, amounted to £23,441,125 compared with £22,276,441 for the corresponding period last year.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
Transfers	No.	1,718	2,171	17,236	16,330
	£.	4,225,257	4,457,654	31,681,757	28,272,812
Mortgages	No.	1,296	1,668	11,718	12,158
	£.	2,906,006	4,972,264	26,395,539	27,094,105
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,115	1,296	9,243	9,527

## SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS

### AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
March, 1961	4,664,263	3,683,266	12,762,505	795,459
March, 1960	4,844,591	3,782,683	12,704,449	794,341
Nine Months ended March, 1961	44,919,467	36,079,471	113,637,279	7,321,316
Nine Months ended March, 1960	40,013,209	30,453,099	101,495,526	6,487,269

COMPANIES REGISTERED

301 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £20,247,000 and 123 Foreign Companies were registered during the nine months ended March, 1961. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 248 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £11,549,800 and 114 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Nine Months ended MARCH					
	1961			1960		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	98	224,195	75,707	91	175,987	43,952
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement(a)	59	210,867	166,941	59	185,214	223,166

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

(Operations of the State Government Railways open for General and Passenger traffic, including Railway Road Service).

Item	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Gross Earnings £.	1,324,700	1,289,800	10,468,650	9,669,900
Operating Expenses £.	1,187,110	1,289,969	10,250,263	10,158,999
Train Miles Run No.	612,203	651,881	5,078,858	5,277,428
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(a) 118,458	(b) 100,669	(c) 889,598	(d) 771,750
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	1,230,566	1,380,749	8,617,130	9,503,734
Motor Bus No.	20,855	18,739	180,474	176,351
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	397,608	441,553	2,878,329	2,784,548
Livestock	8,929	10,185	104,765	116,449
Departmental (Free Freight)	40,457	49,912	345,436	444,571
Total:	446,994	501,650	3,328,530	3,345,568
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	62,730,470	65,593,040	446,350,685	433,591,893
Livestock	1,057,424	1,226,296	14,514,665	15,025,046
Departmental (Free Freight)	3,316,390	4,378,760	34,441,548	40,872,159
Total:	67,104,284	71,198,096	495,306,898	489,489,098

- (a) Four weeks ended 28th January.  
(b) Four weeks ended 30th January.  
(c) Period 1st July to 28th January.  
(d) Period 1st July to 30th January.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
1960 -										
January	471	75	134	-	123	711	142	326	2	170
February	559	136	204	-	178	903	214	427	7	232
March	632	114	186	7	144	987	199	470	10	177
April	610	121	157	3	85	945	216	401	8	114
May	635	158	212	1	76	970	268	474	3	102
June	712	175	208	3	60	1,086	261	444	5	98
July	635	161	200	2	57	1,019	244	494	4	85
August	812	199	218	3	71	1,159	307	500	8	104
September	873	128	236	-	79	1,375	210	526	4	112
October	847	153	254	3	65	1,321	236	562	5	94
November	869	217	224	4	55	1,336	370	587	5	94
December	517	137	170	1	60	901	284	444	5	88
1961 -										
January	409	106	123	-	67	607	193	327	2	103
February	523	170	183	1	62	762	255	369	10	94

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
1960 -								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
1961 -								
January	87,687	26,677	563	9,082	133,760	68,933	1,105	12,948
February	87,944	26,641	566	9,052	134,671	69,557	1,220	12,882

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.



BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
1960 -										
March Qr.	290	749	1,088	3,372	34	323	164	1,950	1,576	6,394
June Qr.	298	844	1,377	4,107	47	291	181	2,843	1,903	8,085
Sept. Qr.	201	547	1,384	4,259	34	1,156	203	2,835	1,822	8,797
Dec. Qr.	314	873	1,514	5,121	46	454	266	4,169	2,140	10,617

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
1960 -										
March Qr.	968	3,104	7	16	380	872	1	1	1,356	3,993
June Qr.	1,168	3,711	5	18	411	1,010	1	1	1,585	4,740
Sept. Qr.	1,167	3,730	7	21	365	943	1	1	1,540	4,695
Dec. Qr.	1,279	4,427	2	5	417	1,086	2	4	1,700	5,522

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item		FEBRUARY		Two Months ended FEBRUARY	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
Quantity	Fine oz.	68,349	64,323	136,785	126,486
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	1,067,949	1,005,054	2,137,267	1,976,343
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	225,000	150,000	241,800	187,800

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group					Com- bined Index
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June:						
1958	114.4	104.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
Quarters:						
1960 - March	118.4	108.0	134.2	107.4	121.2	117.1
June	121.6	109.6	135.6	107.0	123.3	119.0
September	122.9	109.8	137.0	107.4	123.7	119.8
December	122.9	110.8	141.6	107.3	125.6	120.8
1961 - March	125.3	110.9	143.5	107.4	125.8	121.9

Note: For current Statistical purposes the Consumer Index supersedes the "C" Series Retail Price Index formerly shown in this publication.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December, 1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1959:</u>				<u>1960 (cont.):</u>			
March	140.6	47.1	187.7	March	141.4	48.8	190.2
April	140.7	47.2	187.9	April	141.0	48.7	189.7
May	140.2	47.3	187.5	May	141.1	49.3	190.4
June	140.0	47.0	187.0	June	141.7	49.1	190.8
July	140.1	47.0	187.1	July	141.9	49.2	191.1
August	139.9	46.9	186.8	August	142.7	49.7	192.4
September	140.7	47.3	188.0	September	143.1	50.1	193.2
October	141.0	47.6	188.6	October	143.2	50.3	193.5
November	141.1	48.2	189.3	November	143.7	50.5	194.2
December	140.8	48.2	189.0	December	143.5	51.0	194.5
<u>1960:</u>				<u>1961:</u>			
January	140.8	47.3	188.1	January	142.7	50.0	192.7
February	141.5	48.4	189.9	February	143.1	50.3	193.4

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1959 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
January	237	241	232	231	229	234	241
February	240	241	235	233	231	237	241
March	242	240	236	234	233	238	
April	243	239	234	233	233	237	
May	242	238	234	230	232	238	
June	239	235	231	228	229	237	
July	238	231	229	229	231	237	
August	239	230	229	229	232	239	
September	241	233	232	230	233	241	
October	241	233	232	232	234	241	
November	243	233	233	231	235	242	
December	242	232	232	231	235	240	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)					
Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
February, 1961	2,351	60	2,503	634	681
February, 1960	2,527	78	2,708	716	758
8 Months ended February, 1961	25,842	521	22,772	10,890	7,107
8 Months ended February, 1960	29,764	752	22,597	8,913	6,283

# AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1960										1961		
		Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	14. 0	14. 1	10. 6	10. 5	9. 7	8. 4	9. 5	11. 7	13. 1	16. 6	18. 6	21. 5	29. 8
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	34. 6	24. 1	20. 7	20. 2	20. 6	25. 6	27. 9	28. 8	-	-	-	-
- Val.	bush.	34. 4	33. 6	-	-	-	18. 8	21. 6	21. 1	20. 8	20. 1	24. 9	26. 5	28. 2
Bananas - Local	lb.	11	10	1. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apples - G. Smith	bush.	15.10	15. 7	18. 2	22. 9	27. 7	31. 3	33. 1	34. 4	36.10	25.11	-	-	14. 5
- Other	bush.	22. 4	24.10	24. 9	27. 9	40. 3	57. 4	52. 4	54. 8	49. 3	34. 1	19. 1	21. 1	18.10
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	23. 3	22. 6	18. 0	22. 4	25. 5	29. 5	-	-	-	-	29. 6	18. 9	18. 6
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16. 9	17. 0	25. 4	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24. 9	22.10	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	29. 8	31.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17. 7	16. 2	12. 2	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	26. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20. 8	16. 4	22.10	14. 8	18. 4
Grapes	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	27. 4	26. 7	28. 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	25. 9	28.11	23. 3	27.10
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate (a)	5. 5	10. 4	18. 5	16. 8	6.11	4. 9	5. 3	5.10	8. 3	5.11	6. 5	9.10	16. 4
Cauliflowers	dozen	19. 1	12.11	19.10	15. 4	12. 0	16.11	19.11	13. 8	16. 9	15. 6	-	24. 6	20. 2
Lettuce	crate	8. 3	8. 3	7. 3	6.10	9. 5	16.10	12. 3	8.11	14.10	10. 5	15. 3	21. 7	15. 5
Table Celery	doz. head	10. 9	9. 5	7. 1	5.11	5.10	6. 7	9. 2	10. 1	14. 1	11.10	9.11	10. 1	10. 5
Beetroot	cwt.	27. 2	34. 2	42.11	54. 7	62. 5	78. 8	81. 7	96. 2	61.10	65.11	74. 2	92. 8	50.10
Carrots	cwt.	18. 6	17.11	18. 8	17. 9	21. 2	21.10	19.10	26. 1	23. 3	19.11	21.10	29. 6	43. 5
Parsnips	cwt.	37. 0	32. 7	27.11	26. 2	37. 8	35. 5	51. 8	46. 9	48. 1	44. 2	52. 3	66. 6	85. 3
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	7. 9	11.11	21. 0	11.11	12. 5	8.11	5. 5	5. 3	5. 5	4. 8	6. 4	11. 7	11. 0
Swedes	cwt.	33. 6	26.10	29. 9	22. 5	25. 9	24. 0	27. 0	35. 2	33. 3	22. 2	38. 6	60. 5	75. 7
Runner Beans	lb.	6	9	1. 9	1. 6	1. 5	1. 3	1. 2	11	1. 2	6	1. 1	1. 7	1. 8
Peas	lb.	1. 8	1. 5	1. 4	1. 6	1. 9	1. 0	1. 2	7	1. 1	1. 0	1. 5	1. 6	1. 7
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	7	6	6	11	7	5
Pumpkin	bag	14. 7	15.11	21. 6	21. 1	22. 5	27. 6	39. 6	44. 5	80. 0	47. 6	25. 6	34. 5	31. 9
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	15. 9	16. 3	23. 3	32. 5	28. 4	21. 6	28. 3	47.10	40. 6	19. 7	26. 5	27. 0	34. 2
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (b)	ton	60. 0.0	60. 0.0	60. 0.0	60. 0.0	52.10.0	52.10.0	(c)	(c)	(c)	30. 0.0	35. 0.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0
Potatoes (d)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) 50 lb. crate

(b) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(c) Onion Pool closed.

(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

	1960										1961		
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<b>SHEEP</b>													
Suckers	-	-	-	-	3.17. 1	3.11.11	3. 3.11	3. 1. 4	2.19. 0	3. 2. 8	-	-	-
Lambs -													
In Wool	-	3.19. 6	4. 7. 0	3.19.11	3.16. 8	3. 9. 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.14. 3
Shorn	3.13. 8	3. 2. 2	3. 9. 6	3. 2. 4	2.17. 7	-	-	2.12. 1	2.15. 9	2.17. 5	3. 8. 6	3.11. 0	-
Hoggets													
In Wool	-	3. 9.11	4. 1. 2	3.14. 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 7. 4
Shorn	3. 8. 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.16. 6	3. 3. 2	3. 6. 3	-
Ewes													
In Wool	-	2.16. 2	3. 6. 8	3. 8. 1	3. 6. 5	2.16. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.15. 9
Shorn	2. 5. 8	1.16. 5	1.19.11	2. 8.11	2. 3. 9	1.19. 0	1.15. 0	1.15. 8	1.18. 4	2. 3. 7	2.10. 4	2.10.11	2. 2. 3
Wethers													
In Wool	-	3. 9. 7	3.14.11	3.16.11	3.13. 9	3. 0. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 4. 6
Shorn	2.17. 3	2. 0.11	2.10. 7	2.14. 0	2.10. 4	2. 5. 6	2. 4.11	2. 6. 4	2. 6.11	2.11. 3	2.19. 2	2.19.11	2. 9. 4
<b>CATTLE</b>													
Baby Beef	36. 2. 9	40. 5. 6	40. 8.11	42.15. 2	41. 4. 3	37.10. 9	37.18. 9	38. 2. 0	36.15.10	39. 9. 2	36. 6. 3	36.19. 8	38.16. 6
Heifers	43.13. 2	51. 7. 9	47.10. 0	43.10. 2	-	42. 4. 0	38. 2. 4	43.10. 3	39.13. 2	41. 0. 0	-	-	42. 7.11
Cows	53. 8. 5	56. 2. 4	56. 5.11	50.16. 5	48.12. 9	48. 7. 8	49. 2.11	49.10.11	48.12. 7	49.14. 2	49.10. 6	51.16. 8	55. 6. 3
Steers	53.17. 9	59.16. 8	53.12. 6	52.13. 4	49. 9. 6	50. 6. 4	51. 8. 1	52. 7.10	52. 0. 5	51.12. 3	51.14. 8	53.17. 7	55. 7. 6
Bullocks	-	69. 4. 0	61.17. 9	60.10.11	61. 5. 1	60.16. 9	60.13.11	62. 6. 1	60.16. 7	66. 7. 6	-	-	-
<b>PIGS</b>													
Slips	6.18. 9	7. 9. 2	5. 8. 4	6.11. 1	-	6.19. 9	7. 6. 8	-	5. 9.11	6. 6. 8	-	4.16. 9	-
Porkers	11.13. 5	11.19. 4	10.17. 5	11.10. 4	11. 0. 2	11.11. 0	11. 9.10	11.17. 1	11. 3.10	10.19. 7	9.17.11	10. 3.10	9.11.11
Baconers	16.17. 8	17. 0. 3	16. 3. 2	16.14. 1	16.18. 1	17. 3. 5	16.18. 2	17. 7. 0	16.10. 3	16. 1. 9	16. 3. 2	15. 5. 5	15. 3. 6

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	-	2. 8	2.10	2. 9	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2.10	3. 6	3. 9	-	3. 8	3. 3
" Cocks	2. 9	2. 7	2. 8	2. 8	2. 8	2. 8	2. 7	2. 7	3. 3	3. 8	3. 1	-	3. 3
Ducks	2. 1	2. 1	2. 3	2. 4	2. 5	2. 6	-	3. 2	3. 8	3. 6	2. 8	2. 6	2. 3
Drakes	2. 1	2. 2	2. 2	2. 4	2. 4	2. 5	2.11	3. 2	3. 9	3. 8	2.10	2. 6	2. 3
Geese	1. 7	1.10	2. 1	1.10	1. 7	-	-	-	-	2. 9	-	1. 7	1. 9
Cockerels	2.11	3. 2	3. 4	3. 4	3. 3	3. 0	2. 8	2. 7	2. 8	3. 0	2.10	2. 9	3. 1
Capons	3. 0	3. 4	3. 6	3. 8	3. 2	3. 0	2.10	2. 9	2.11	3. 2	2.11	2.11	3. 2
Hens	2. 4	2. 4	2. 4	2. 6	2. 5	2. 5	2. 5	2. 3	2. 4	2. 4	2. 4	2. 3	2. 3



RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1955-56	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1959-60	30,898	22,123	13,891	2,811	2,271	1,435	46,676	5,196	4,209	80,385	29,590	19,535	25,169
1959 - February	2,140	1,441	893	139	111	71	3,532	325	254	5,811	1,877	1,218	20,570
March	2,122	1,569	956	188	143	95	3,653	280	228	5,963	1,992	1,279	20,526
April	2,262	1,598	977	274	204	129	3,817	313	251	6,353	2,115	1,357	20,699
May	2,178	1,455	896	192	123	82	3,833	272	221	6,203	1,850	1,199	20,818
June	2,177	1,412	869	131	77	52	3,200	263	210	5,508	1,752	1,131	20,779
July	2,213	1,562	952	139	97	63	3,374	297	232	5,726	1,956	1,247	20,878
August	2,282	1,641	1,026	132	87	61	3,660	284	229	6,074	2,012	1,316	21,107
September	2,446	1,596	1,002	174	145	89	3,790	360	292	6,410	2,101	1,383	21,407
October	2,620	1,822	1,154	354	352	223	3,663	356	288	6,637	2,530	1,665	21,991
November	2,687	1,987	1,231	445	534	335	3,871	427	344	7,003	2,948	1,910	22,892
December	2,889	2,165	1,360	221	224	138	4,709	461	368	7,819	2,850	1,866	23,633
1960 - January	2,556	1,602	1,011	152	109	67	3,831	486	385	6,539	2,197	1,463	23,716
February	2,539	1,756	1,102	181	126	82	3,410	456	363	6,130	2,338	1,547	22,865
March	2,784	2,013	1,248	263	155	98	4,234	582	462	7,281	2,750	1,808	23,279
April	2,533	1,899	1,210	293	156	96	3,245	397	334	6,071	2,452	1,640	23,687
May	2,708	1,969	1,238	262	161	101	4,569	553	463	7,539	2,683	1,802	24,430
June	2,641	2,111	1,357	195	125	82	4,320	537	449	7,156	2,773	1,888	25,169
July	2,368	1,794	1,124	188	137	89	4,105	468	388	6,661	2,399	1,601	25,852
August	2,588	1,914	1,200	178	126	87	3,835	539	457	6,601	2,579	1,744	26,397
September	2,670	1,962	1,269	289	228	151	3,775	465	385	6,734	2,655	1,805	26,602
October	2,661	2,126	1,341	487	571	367	3,759	470	382	6,907	3,167	2,090	27,316
November	2,754	2,235	1,419	465	494	322	3,680	485	396	6,899	3,214	2,137	28,438
December	1,766	1,403	867	215	191	117	4,094	509	428	6,075	2,103	1,412	29,161
1961 - January	Not yet available												29,094
February	do.												27,423

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods.

(c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance.



RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food- Stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Foot- wear	Hardware, China and Glass- ware (b)	Elect- rical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chem- ists' Goods	News- papers, Books, Station- ery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Veh- icles, Trac- tors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	20.5	3.6	9.3	6.1	5.2	3.2	3.3	18.2	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.1	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.3
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	54.7
1959-60	30.9	11.6	21.3	18.9	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.4	7.6	5.9	5.0	22.6	181.2	65.3
Sept. Qr.														
1956	6.6	2.9	4.4	3.8	6.6(e)	(e)	2.4	1.6	1.5	(f)	(f)	6.6(f)	36.4	11.5
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.6
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	12.9
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.7	14.6
1960	7.8	3.0	5.2	4.3	6.8	1.2	3.0	3.7	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	44.7	17.9
Dec. Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.8	4.7	8.2(e)	(e)	2.7	2.3	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	41.6	12.5
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.7
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.0
1959	8.0	2.9	5.5	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.0	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.1	16.8
1960	8.8	3.1	5.8	5.7	8.0	1.4	3.6	4.0	2.2	1.8	1.4	5.8	51.6	18.4
March Qr.														
1956	6.4	2.6	4.8	4.6	5.8(e)	(e)	2.3	2.1	1.4	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	37.8	12.7
1957	6.3	2.7	4.7	4.9	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	38.4	12.1
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.0
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.7
1960	7.5	2.8	5.7	5.1	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.5	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.4	16.4
June Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.3	3.7	7.3(e)	(e)	2.5	1.5	1.4	(f)	(f)	7.5(f)	37.7	11.1
1957	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.2	7.3(e)	(e)	2.6	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	39.4	13.2
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.0
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.1
1960	7.9	3.0	5.2	4.4	7.3	1.3	3.0	3.9	2.0	1.5	1.2	6.3	47.0	17.5

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. (g) Not yet available.

## MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Item	Unit	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	490	416	3,491	3,537
Bricks - Clay (a)	'000	8,796	8,170	71,037	65,049
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds	121	145	1,016	897
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,018	1,877	18,620	15,374
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	31,183	35,028	256,780	244,703
Tiles, Roofing - Cement	'000	377	441	2,892	3,659
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (b)	'000 sup.ft.	15,008	16,100	127,580	139,936
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	1,006	1,126	7,929	6,717
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	1,295	1,225	7,366	7,553
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	4,659	4,057	38,431	42,512
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	12	31	138	397
- 2 piece	"	1,469	1,310	12,592	11,345
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	7,569	5,948	57,601	50,102
- Work	"	16,260	17,424	108,058	125,307
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	43,569	39,253	431,992	392,633
Slippers	"	13,799	16,685	83,666	105,242
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	646	549	3,876	3,324
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	40,856	20,182	200,038	152,245
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	495	583	4,652	4,703
Butter	"	335	516	13,763	13,480
Cheese	"	88	74	2,278	2,665
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	cwt.	680	391	4,840	5,032
- Sulphuric	ton	22,043	19,175	145,180	137,282
Coal	"	40,278	75,060	514,145	588,604
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh.	80,862	76,021	688,450	605,883
Gas Produced	million cub. ft.	95	101	963	929
Mattresses - Soft Filled and Other (c)	number	2,896	3,320	21,486	23,915
Pig Iron	ton	4,051	3,562	35,147	29,743
Superphosphate	"	59,795	51,302	392,508	378,612
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	3,035	2,918	20,417	22,602

(a) Standard size.

(b) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(c) Including Rubber and Plastic foam and sponge; excluding  
Inner Spring.

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